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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action, dated January 12, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the file of the above-identified application. Entry of this response is necessary to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following.

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